

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 and 13-18 were pending in the case prior to amendment. Claims 1-7, 13, and 14 stand allowed. Claims 15-17 stand rejected. Claim 18 stands allowable.

Please cancel claim 18, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the features of claim 18, which was indicated as allowable. With this amendment, it is believed that all claims have been brought into condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue, or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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